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TO: The BCLTA Membership
FROM: Mike Gagel, BCLTA Vice President, 2018-2020
DATE: April 9, 2019
SUBJECT: BCLTA AGM Resolution Regarding the Libraries Branch Annual Survey

Resolution Regarding the Libraries Branch, Ministry of Education, Counting Opinions Survey, and BC Public Library Trustees.

It has come to the attention of the Board of Directors of the BC Library Trustees Association (BCLTA) that the Libraries Branch, Ministry of Education collects the names and contact information of all BC public library trustees through an annual Counting Opinions survey.

The BCLTA Board of Directors is also in need of the names of public library trustees, which are public record, for an accurate account of public library boards and to better serve and represent the trustee community.

The BCLTA Board of Directors believes that rather than duplicating the survey, the membership would find it preferable to have the Libraries Branch share trustee names, the name of their library board, and if possible their contact information, such as an email address.

The BCLTA Board of Directors recommends that this could be accomplished by having a check box, or some such mechanism, where trustees can agree to have this survey information shared with BCLTA. BCLTA would not share this information with any other organizations, agencies, or persons.

The membership is being asked to support the BCLTA in making this request to the Libraries Branch.

Whereas the BCLTA membership would benefit from its professional association, the BC Library Trustees Association, knowing the names of trustees and what public library board they sit on, which is public record;

Whereas the BCLTA would prefer to not request that trustees fill out a duplicate survey to provide their names and contact information to BCLTA; *be it resolved* that the BCLTA membership supports the BCLTA in requesting that the Libraries Branch, Ministry of Education add a mechanism to their Annual Survey that would allow for trustees to agree to share with BCLTA their name, the name of the library board they sit on, and their contact information.

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